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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Since the publication of document TD/B/40(1)/5, the UNCTAD secretariat has received the attached response of the Government of India to the note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD of 20 October 1992.

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INDIA

Transit facilities granted to Bhutan by India

1. Customs notifications are issued for transit of Bhutan's Import/Export Cargo from/for third country through India without payment of customs duties.

2. 13 Land Customs Stations on Indo/Bhutan Border are opened for allowing trade of Bhutan with third countries.

3. Special instructions are issued to the concerned Collector of Customs for grant of appropriate countries and expeditious customs clearance for officials (and household goods) on the transfer of the officials from their mission in New Delhi to other countries.

4. Permission is granted for payment of transit goods through non-protocol routes in special circumstances.

5. Merchant ships sailing under the flag of Bhutan are accorded treatment no less favourable than that accorded to ships of any other foreign country in respect of matters relating to navigation entry into and departure from the Indian ports, use of ports and the harbour facilities in India, as well as loading and unloading dues, taxes and other levels.

6. Government of India provides refund of excise duties on goods of its origin to Bhutan.

7. India has bilateral air services agreement with Bhutan.

8. All exports and imports of Bhutan to and from countries other than India are free from customs duties and trade restrictions of the Government of India. Transit on such goods through the territory of India is allowed through exit/entry points mutually agreed upon.

Transit facilities granted to Nepal by India

1. 22 Land Customs Stations have been opened for transit trade of Nepal with third countries.

2. Vessels carrying cargo for Nepal from third countries are permitted berthing facility at Calcutta Port.

3. Warehousing facility has been provided at Calcutta Port for all Nepalese Import/Export Cargo.

4. Nepalese vehicles are allowed to carry their goods from Nepal to Nepal via Indian territory without any restriction.

5. Nepalese Private Commercial vehicles are allowed to carry their Import/Export cargo up to Calcutta Haldia Port.

6. Customs notifications are issued for permitting transit of Import/Export Cargo of Nepal from third countries through Indian territory without payment of any customs duties.

7. Special permission is granted to the officers working in the mission of Nepal for carrying their household goods from Nepal into India.

8. Government of India allows to Nepal payment of excise and other duty collected by Government of India on goods produced in India and exported to Nepal.

9. India allows freedom of transit for Nepalese third country trade across its territories through routes mutually agreed upon.

10. India has bilateral air services agreement with Nepal.

11. India imports crude on behalf of Nepal and supplies a range of petroleum products to Nepal.